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FROM: Leghorn

TO: Secretary of State

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URGENT.

G-2 has now shown me (re DEFTL 32, May 9) letter dated May 14 from subordinate secretary Tieb of Italian Army General Staff to Rome Area Command for G-2 stating at request of Rome ~~questura~~ that it wished serve warrants of arrest issued November 25, 1946 by military attorney of Military Tribunal of Rome on Colonel ~~Enrico Dollman~~, Lt Colonel ~~Herbert Kappler~~, ~~Capt Erich Friebe~~ and ~~Capt Karl Shutt~~ all formerly of German Army. Letter stated these officers accused of having participated in acts of violence and murder committed by enemy troops against Italian hostages and citizens. Letter concluded with request for information as to where persons were detained and for authority to appoint Carabinieri officer to serve warrants it having been reported that the officers were detained in an Allied jail.

G-2 NTCUSA informs me that of four persons mentioned in letter only Dollman in American custody.

In letter dated May 8 G-2 Rome Area Command informed G-2 NTCUSA that Dollman is ill with ear infection and kidney trouble and has to be taken several times a week to US Army Hospital from US Military Police jail where he is held. Rome Area G-2 supports Rome Provost Marshall recommendation that in view of security threats

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inherent in moving prisoner and in possibility he may have to be hospitalized as well as of imminent derequisitioning of Rome jail Dollman be moved soonest.

Understand long range intelligence interest (including CIG) in Dollman hinges on likelihood that if he is abandoned to Italian jurisdiction other agents will doubt American ability protect them.

When I informed Gen Lee of contents DEPTEL 32 May 9 he expressed sympathy with Department's view but said he could not any longer run risk of keeping Dollman here in view of all present circumstances. Since Wenner has been considered associate of Dollman since beginning both Dollman and Wenner will be removed to Germany under security arrangements as soon as EUCOM confirms they will accept them.

I feel sure military authorities have made every effort cooperate in this matter since its inception (see Caserta's 849, November 30, 1946) and now are taking action based on considerations which we have not refuted and which for them are decisive.

Sent Department; repeated Rome 30.

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